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Sen. McManus calls ruling on direct shipping a big step forward for Michigan

LANSING – Tuesday’s federal court ruling allowing out-of-state wineries to ship directly ship to Michigan consumers is good for Michigan wineries, Michigan consumers and the state as a whole, said state Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau.

“I am thrilled with Judge Friedman’s decision, and I am eager to read the details of the ruling so we can move forward on this issue,” McManus said. “The bottom line is Michigan wineries and Michigan consumers can toast to the fact that our state will not be taking a step backward when it comes to direct shipping in Michigan.”

The ruling, issued by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman in Detroit, is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that declared unconstitutional Michigan's law banning out-of-state wineries from shipping directly to consumers while allowing shipments from in-state wineries.

McManus is the lead sponsor of legislation in the Michigan Senate that would allow Michigan consumers to continue to receive direct shipments of wine from Michigan wineries and open the Michigan market to out-of-state wineries with careful regulation to protect minors and ensure taxes are properly collected.

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